

More Vanda Joaquim Orchids flowers are used and sold in the U.S. than any other orchid! Millions of these flowers are flown in from Hawaii every month. The flower is lavender, up to 3 inches in size. They are free blooming under ideal conditions. They require 12 hours of full light or full sun, near a window or out of doors. They should be sprinkled daily. They require temperatures of not lower than 58 at night and 75 or more by day. They grow well in either peat moss, osmunda, rich humus or compost. I offer 12 fine rooted cuttings for \$5 prepaid. They should bloom within 6 to 8 months or sooner.

Cattleya Mendelii is an exquisite and very scarce orchid from Columbia, South America. The flowers are 6 to 8 inches in size, and vary from light pink to lavender with deep magenta frilled lip. They bloom strongly around Mother's Day in May. Plants range from \$8.50 to \$15 for blooming size plants.

Cattleya Gaskelliana is a very vigorous grower and producer of fine 6 to 8 inch size flowers. Flowers vary from rose, lavender to pink. They have excellent form and texture. They come from Venezuela. They are good Easter to July bloomers and often bloom a second time in the Fall of the year. Plants range from \$8.50 to \$15 for strong, vigorous plants.

Cattleya Gigas was once considered the largest flowering orchid plant in the world, as many plants have produced 8 to 10 inch size flowers!... They like a cool climate and lots of light. The petals and sepals are rose, the lip is crimson with yellow markings. An exquisite orchid with "eyes" in the throat, which has given it the nickname of "the orchid with the eyes". They bloom usually during June and July. Fine plants are \$8.50 to \$15.00.

Cattleya Mossiae is one of the most popular orchids in the world for a very simple reason. It blooms chiefly from around Easter to Mother's Day. The flower is from 6 to 8 inches in size. It has a lovely striated throat, and the petals and sepals are on the rose side. The lip is magenta. A very fragrant orchid and a heavy producer of fine flowers. Plants range from \$8.50 to \$15.00.

Rare Orchids are always in great demand and I always have a few to offer. Golden Yellow Cattleyas with Ruby Lips are something you have to see to believe. Flowers are 6 to 8 inches and plants bloom late in the summer around August to September. A few available at \$12 to \$15. A few Yellow hybrids also available. These often run to cream shades, others to bronze shades. If you order more than one of these yellow hybrids I will give you two or more color variations. Order now while prices are low as these get very scarce around June. Also have a few summer-to-fall blooming "red orchids". The lips on these are blood red and with dark purple-red flowers. \$12 for a nice plant. Some of these are worth \$50 when in bloom, so get them now.

Fall and Winter blooming Lavender orchids always available from \$8.50 to \$15. These are good commercial types, producing fine, large 6 to 8 inch flowers. Some are hybrids and some are species. A few smaller ones available now and then for \$5.00, but regardless of size all are plants of blooming size.

WHITE ORCHIDS can be supplied for spring or winter blooming. These range in price from \$10 to \$15.00. The petals and sepals are pure white and the throat is usually a pale golden shade. Flowers average 6 inches or 7 inches in size. I also have a free-blooming White-with-colored-lip. These produce white flowers with a brilliant wine lip. The flower is smaller than usual--around 5 inches in size, but the plants bloom all year around on each new growth. Plants range from \$7.50 to \$15 in size. This is a scarce item.

I can furnish plants to bloom at any season, and in fact any month of the year. Some plants of course have a special season so if you have some special requirement let me know and I will endeavor to comply.

"ORCHIDS" IN MY MAIL

Dear Mr. Presner:

I received my orchids, safe and sound. I am well pleased with my plants and the selection you made was very good.

Dr. T. O. Richert,
Spokane, Wash.

Dear Mr. Presner:

The orchid plant arrived in first class shape, and the flowers began to open a few days after it arrived. I have been very pleased with it, and my home has been like Grand Central Station since the word got around that the flowers were opening.

Thomas E. Arline,
Bainbridge, Ga.

Dear Mr. Presner:

The Laelia Cattleya Canhamiana you sent us bloomed in May. Needless to say we are more than delighted with it. The plant occupied a place of honor in our living room while my wife's garden club and our neighbors and friends filed past to examine it. We are certainly grateful to you for sending us such a fine plant.

N. D. Harris,
Lakeland, Fla.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for the information on Orchid Growing. It is the first understandable literature for a "beginner" that I have come across, and I have been looking for over a year.

Mrs. J. L. Fratus,
Glens Falls, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the beautiful Cattleya which arrived in good condition. It seemed to have enjoyed the trip.

Mrs. John Nelson,
Groton, Conn.

Dear Sir:

I received the Orchid plants in the best of shape. I believe they are the best plants I have ever received.

Fred Foster, Kansas City, Kans.

Dear Mr. Presner:

Sometime in March I ordered a Cattleya Orchid plant from you. I received same and put it in a five inch pot as you directed. The plant has bloomed. It had six beautiful flowers and they lasted about a month.

Lawrence Hichman,
Bishopville, Md.

Dear Mr. Presner:

Thank you for the lovely Orchid you shipped to my daughter Mrs. Gregory in Cincinnati, last February. You will be interested to know that the plant has thrived and had two lovely flowers on it, one of which she wore to Church on Easter Sunday. Most gratefully yours.

Mrs. C. F. Stolz,
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Mr. Presner:

We received our Gaskelliana from you last spring and it bloomed Memorial Day. 3 lovely orchid-colored blooms. We were thrilled with it. It has developed a nice lead and is doing very well in our dry climate.

Dr. R. D. Kercher,
Denver, Colorado

Dear Sir:

Some time ago the thrill and pleasure of receiving four real nice big healthy Cattleya Orchid plants from you, was all mine! Since that time, people have admired the plants and I gave them all away. Your recent pamphlet on Orchids in the home is on my desk and I am sending you \$40 for your collection "D".

Ralph Bower,
Akron, Ohio

Dear Mr. Presner:

My orchids arrived in excellent condition and am greatly pleased with them. I am enclosing check for \$58 for which send me one Tampense and your collection "D".

Elizabeth A. Haigh,
Dearborn, Mich.



At the Orchid show in Seattle, Washington, April 3rd, Rosalie Claire Tempest, an amateur orchid grower, blithely ran off with a Red Ribbon and Second Prize. It is remarkable, when you consider that Rosalie has been growing orchids only a year, and that her competition included hundreds of leading orchid growers from Europe, the United States and Hawaii!

Many commercial growers who have seen her little greenhouse on the rooftop of her home wonder at the amazing growth, vigor and vitality of her plants, since she uses no plant food, fertilizer or hormones on her orchid plants. Her secret is simply good light, a light water spray on the leaves every morning on sunny days, plus two good pot waterings a week. In the winter time the temperature in her greenhouse will average 72 degrees by day and around 60 at night.

Since Seattle has the dubious honor of being known as a rainy, cloudy city, many commercial growers have felt that some kinds of orchids would not flower well in Seattle because of the long, dark winter days. Some of them are now reconsidering their position in the light of what Rosalie Tempest has been able to do with her orchid plants. For example, the plant that took the prize,

a *Dendrobium Nobile* from India, first bloomed for her Nov. 18th, 1953, producing 20 flowers. Then, less than 5 months later, on April 3rd, 1954, it produced 42 flowers to snatch the Second Prize at the Seattle Orchid show.

Inasmuch as *Dendrobium Nobiles* rarely bloom before February the plant received a special writeup in the Seattle Post Intelligencer back in November for this remarkable achievement. One skeptical commercial grower traveled 20 miles to see if this were true! The winning plant was purchased from Samuel L. Presner of Coral Gables, Florida, an orchid enthusiast and commercial grower and importer. It is Presner's belief that the good light intensity from Mrs. Tempest' rooftop greenhouse, and freedom of shadows is the reason for her ability to bloom many orchid plants several times a year, while commercial growers are struggling with theirs.

So if you would grow orchids successfully, remember you need just two basic requirements above all. First; good light, such as you would have in growing African Violets. Second; a heated home in the winter where your plants will receive 70 degrees or more by day and around 58 to 60 at night. If you can supply these two basic requirements the rest is easy. Try it and see!

